

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE 7, OF  
THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

H. J. R. No. 9.]

A Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Section 3, eliminating the provision authorizing the Legislature to create special districts and making an appropriation therefor.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 3 Article 7, of the Constitution be so changed as to read as follows: (creating new Section 3.)

"Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and poll tax of one dollar on every inhabitant of the State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school district by general laws; and all such school districts may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and for the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one (\$1.00) dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

SEC. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an elec-

tion to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1926, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature to create special school districts," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature to create special school districts."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

SEC. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—The enrolled resolution shows that this resolution passed the House, 101 yeas, 2 nays; passed the Senate, 26 yeas, 0 nays.]

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 58, ARTICLE 16 OF  
THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

S. J. R. No. 9.]

Relating to the amending of Article 16, Section 58, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners; providing for the supervision and management of the Prison System, under such laws as may be provided for by the Legislature.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Article 16, Section 58 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 58. The Legislature shall have full power and authority to provide by law for the management and control of the Prison System of Texas; and to this end shall have power and authority to place the prison system under the supervision, management and control of such trained and experienced officer, or officers, as the Legislature may from time to time provide for by law.

SEC. 2. The above constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a general election to be held November 3, 1926, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words "For the amendment of Ar-